

Community Collaboration

Expand Your Reach



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Objectives (1)

- ▶ Describe how the Affordable Care Act may impact direct delivery of TB clinical service
- ▶ List the TB case management functions that will continue to be the responsibility of public health



Objectives (2)

- ▶ List two community organizations that may need TB education to assure quality in TB care in the future
- ▶ List two contacts or sites in your health district that would benefit from local TB program outreach and training



Essential Components of a Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program –1995

“TB control programs should educate and advise community groups to ensure the quality and appropriateness of TB control activities in accordance with the community’s needs.” page 5

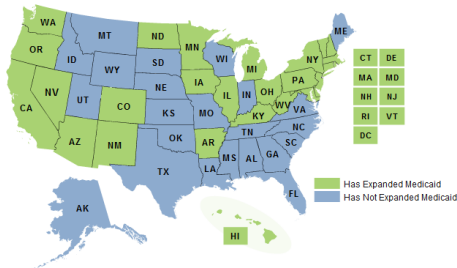
The Affordable Care Act

- » Coming to a neighborhood near you

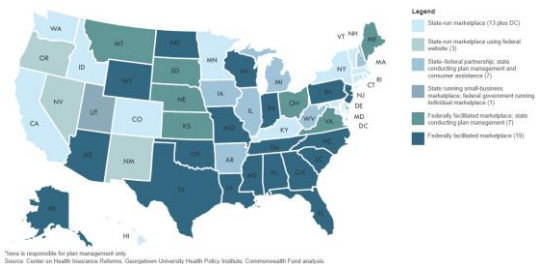
The Affordable Care Act – a National Patchwork Quilt



Medicaid Expansion



Health Care Marketplaces



The Changing Landscape

- ▶ Regulation development
- ▶ Ongoing court challenges
- ▶ Future legislation



The 10 ACA Essential Services (1)

- ▶ Ambulatory patient services
- ▶ Prescription drugs
- ▶ Emergency care
- ▶ Mental health services
- ▶ Hospitalization



The 10 ACA Essential Services (2)

- ▶ Rehabilitation and habilitative services
- ▶ Preventative and wellness services
- ▶ Laboratory services
- ▶ Pediatric care
- ▶ Maternity and newborn care



TB Services & ACA

- ▶ TB was not included in U.S. Preventive Task Force recommendations
- ▶ Grade A or B needed for inclusion in ACA as non-cost shared preventive service i.e. TB screening and testing
- ▶ TB diagnosis and treatment requires cost sharing



How will ACA change service delivery?

- ▶ TB clinical services by health departments
 - Actively transition to private care?
 - Those with high deductible insurance?
 - The uninsured / insurance ineligible?
 - Care at HD with cost recovery / billing to insurers?
- ▶ TB clinical services in the community
 - Risk assessment, testing
 - Treatment for TB infection
 - TB disease treatment



Public Health Responsibility

- ▶ Public Health Responsibility
 - Case management for TB cases / quality assurance
 - Directly observed therapy
 - Contact investigation
 - Isolation
 - Address barriers to care – drugs/medical care
 - Outbreak response
 - Strategic planning
 - Outreach and community education
- ▶ Identifying partnerships and PH changing role

More Questions for TB Programs

- ▶ What partnerships might be helpful?
- ▶ What issues might benefit by TB program involvement?
- ▶ How can ACA impact be captured in program evaluation?



ACA and TB Program Evaluation

- ▶ Will take years to see impact of ACA relative to TB
- ▶ Possibility – Adding “locally” defined custom fields to RVCT to ID specific provider type
- ▶ LHDs
 - Document insurance details and provider setting
 - Track outreach and education in



Health System Reform – the other half of Health Care Reform

- ▶ Prevention and Public Health Fund
- ▶ Community Transformation Grants
- ▶ National Public Health Improvement Initiative
- ▶ Community Health Needs Assessments*
- ▶ Accountable Care Organizations
- ▶ Other provisions, including health equity promotion

Assisting our Target Populations – Enrolling in Plans

- ▶ Identify organizations equipped to enroll
 - Federally funded Navigators
 - Certified Application Counselors (CACs)
 - Resource: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/>
- Enter state for enrollment assistance listing



Be Informed

- ▶ Be informed
 - Kaiser Family Foundation website – kff.org/health-reform
 - Nat'l Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
nastad.org, click “health reform”
- ▶ Assistance in identifying plan coverage
 - Healthsherpa.com



Partnerships that can Reap Rewards

» Working Smarter

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➔ Magnified Outcomes

- ▶ Other partnerships that can reap rewards
 - Consultation / Education
 - Program based TB screening/testing guidance
 - Local reporting sources
 - FQHCs/CHCs and community medical providers
 - Shelter outreach

Consultation –

TB Screening Guidance

- ▶ Employers of programs coming to LHD for test when TB RA is indicated
 - TB screening ≠ TB testing for infection
 - TB testing in low risk populations ➔ false positive results, more chest x-rays, unnecessary LTBI treatment
 - 20% of new TB cases are negative on test for infection

Consultation –

TB Testing Guidance

- ▶ Health Care Settings
 - Baseline test for infection on employment, pg. 29
 - Annual staff testing recommendations depend on facility risk assessment – pg. 128–133
 - 3 risk categories – low, medium, ongoing
 - Facility risk assessment must be completed to suspend annual testing
 - Risk classifications – page 134

Consultation –

Local Reporting Sources

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Desire to establish communication
- ▶ Disease reporting requirements relative to TB
- ▶ Health Department resources/ responsibilities
- ▶ For hospitals, discuss inclusion in required community needs assessments



Resources to share

- ▶ CDC Guidelines, pamphlets, fact sheets
- ▶ TB Program
 - TB Medical Consultants
 - Virginia policies and programs
 - State lab and pharmacy resources
- ▶ Southeast National TB Center and other RTMCCs
 - Toolkits and trainings
 - Apps – SNTC app for I Phone, Android coming soon
 - Medical consultation 1-800-4TB-INFO

Partnerships Relative to ACA FQHCs/CHCs

- ▶ TB Education Resources
- ▶ The role of public health in TB programs
- ▶ Reportable diseases and how to report
 - TB screening and testing – employees, high risk clients
 - LTBI evaluation and treatment
 - Treatment of TB disease
 - Facility risk assessment to inform respiratory protection program for staff



Homeless Shelter Outreach (1)

- ▶ Introductions – provide contact information
- ▶ Offer education for shelter staff
- ▶ Encourage referrals of symptomatic residents



Homeless Shelter Outreach (2)

- ▶ Explore shelter procedures
 - Requirement for test for TB infection
 - Rosters of those sheltered by date
 - Bed record
 - Cough log
 - Follow-up on symptomatic
- ▶ On-site visit



Homeless Shelter Resources

- ▶ National Health Care for the Homeless Council www.nhchc.org
- ▶ The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness <http://usich.gov/>
- ▶ Curry TB Center DVD –order at <http://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/>

